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2117Z 19 JAN 1963

TO : DIRECTOR

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NO NIGHT ACTION

1. ACFT NBR 124 MADE FLIGHT NBR 4 ON 19 JAN 63 FOR 55 MINUTES.
TAKE OFF AT 0803 GROSS WEIGHT 74,300 LBS, CG 20.3 PER

CENT. JIM EASTHAM IN FRONT COCKPIT AND BILL PARKS IN REAR COCKPIT.
PURPOSE OF FLIGHT: CHECK ACFT HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS, VISI-
BILITY AND SYSTEMS OPERATION FROM REAR COCKPIT.

2. TAKE OFF AND CLIMB IN AFTERBURNER WITH LEVEL OFF AT 20,000
FT AND 350 KEAS. ACCOMPLISHED SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL CHECKS THEN
CLIMBED TO 35,000 FT AND .9 MACH. ACCOMPLISHED SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL
CHECKS AND ENGINE READINGS AT .9, .85, AND .8 MACH. DESCENDED TO
TRAFFIC PATTERN, MADE ONE LOW PASS, 2 TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS AND
ONE FULL STOP LANDING. CHUTE DEPLOYMENT NORMAL ON FULL STOP LAND-
ING BUT FAILED TO JETTISON. AIRCRAFT OPERATED FROM REAR COCKPIT
FROM ENGINE START TO ENGINE SHUT DOWN (EXCEPT FOR GEAR RETRACTIONS).

NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED OPERATING FROM REAR COCKPIT.

VISIBILITY RESTRICTED ON FINAL APPROACH BUT COMPENSATED FOR BY

PILOT TECHNIQUE. JIM EASTHAM WORE PRESSURE SUIT FOR FIRST TIME

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[REDACTED] 820 (IN 63056)

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FOR FAMILIARIZATION PURPOSES. AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR TURN AROUND
FLIGHT AT 1400 HOURS [REDACTED] F-101 ACFT FURNISHED CHASE.

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